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In re the Application of

Akio OOBAYASHI et al.

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For:

PRODUCTION OF PNEUMATIC TIRES

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS WITH DECLARATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed on January 10, 2002, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventors. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No. 128541 for \$\infty\$\$130.00 \$\bigcup\$\$65.00 (entitlement to small entity status is asserted) for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please substitute the attached 5 sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 1-5 for the corresponding drawings filed with the application.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.

 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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